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For:	LAYERED ABSORBENT STRUCTURE WITH A HETEROGENEOUS LAYER REGION	Date:	September 26, 2001

**Amendment Transmittal Letter**

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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified patent application. The non-small entity fee has been calculated in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.16 (b), (c) and (d) as follows:

**Claims As Amended**

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	38	Minus	34	=	4	x 18 =	\$72.00
Indep.	4	Minus	3	=	1	x 80 =	\$80.00
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First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim							\$0.00
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Respectfully submitted,

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**2nd Amendment After Final Rejection**

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Sir:

In further response to the Office Action having a mailing date of August 27, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Claims**

Please amend the claims as follows.

Cancel claim 3 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Add the following new claims:

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35. (new) An absorbent article, comprising:
- a backsheet layer;
  - a substantially liquid permeable topsheet layer;
  - an absorbent composite structure sandwiched between said backsheet and topsheet layers, said absorbent composite including an absorbent core having a first primary layer region and at least a second primary layer region;
  - at least one of said first and second primary layer regions having a Liquid Wicking Value of at least about 38%; and
  - at least one of said first and second primary layer regions includes a plurality of sublayers;
- wherein